

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2004, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-38, drawn to compounds, classified in class 423, subclass 439.
- II. Claims 39 and 40, drawn to composites, classified in class 428, subclass 408.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the Group I claims, namely 1-38, drawn to compounds, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants further elect the species of claim 1 wherein Q is silicon for examination on the merits. All of claims 1-38 read on the elected species.

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be favorably reconsidered and withdrawn. In view of the fact that the present claims are all related to the same subject matter, it is submitted that a search of the prior art when examining the elected claims of Group I would, at the same time, result in a search of the prior art when examining the remaining claim of Group II. It would seem, then, that to require the filing of another separate divisional application directed to the Group II claim would result in the very same search being repeated, but at a later date. It is submitted that this duplicate search would be quite inefficient to the operation of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Therefore, since a single search can be performed for all Groups of claims without any significant burden on the Patent Office, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that its pending claims are in condition for allowance.

No extra fee is believed due. If there are any additional fees, the Director is authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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